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Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

The Season of Advent is Here! Oaks Christian Church prepares for and celebrates the birth of the Christ, Messiah in several ways.

Each Sunday of Advent during worship, we light the Candles of the Advent wreath, and hear Scripture related to the Candle of the day. This year our candles represent the gifts the Christ child brought to the earth: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace

This Advent Season, during worship service, we answer the great question "What is the Purpose of Christmas?" (Clue) Luke's birth announcement of Jesus gives us three specific purposes of Christmas. (Luke 2:8-11) Join us as we find answers to the question.

December 18, is the All Church Christmas Party followed by our traditional Live Nativity.

December 24, 7:00 p.m. will be the traditional "Lessons and Carols Service".

Sunday, December 25 we continue to celebrate the birth of the Christ child with a hymn festival and a reading of the Christmas Story.

Plan to attend each service of worship and activity throughout the Advent Season. I pray that not only will you attend, but that you will bring someone with you to hear the Message of the Christmas Season.

God's Blessings of Peace and Joy,
Pastor Linda



TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toiletries,
toothpaste, deodorant,
soap, bath tissue,
shampoo and shaving
cream.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Board Happenings -

Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:

There will be a General Board Meeting, December 11, 2011 after church service. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for the month of December.

Thank you.

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DECEMBER 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 	5	6 Christmas Party	7	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 Board Meeting 	12	13 	14	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
18 	19	20 NO CWF MTG.	21	22 Church Office Closed for Christmas	23 Church Office Closed	24 
25 Merry Christmas!	26 Church Office Closed for Christmas	27 NO CWF MTG	28	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31

Schedule of Events

December 4 - Bread Sunday

December 6 - CWF Make Christmas "Goody Bags" 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

December 13 - Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m. Service (finish blankets), lunch 11:00 and visitation 1:00 p.m.

December 20 - No CWF Meeting

December 24 - Soup kitchen lunch- Free Christmas lunch 12:00 till 2:00 p.m.

December 27 - No CWF Meeting



The 2nd Annual All Church Family Christmas Festival and Live Nativity

December 18, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, 7:00 p.m.

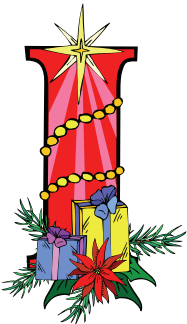
December 25, Christmas Sunday Hymn festival and Christmas Story, 10:45 a.m.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

8 - Nita Aber
11 - Gene Pratt
14 - Pat Hodde
16 - Sue Harrison
17 - Lida Crump
21 - Susan Parker
24 - Imogene Flott
31 - Oliver Harrison

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

30 - Al and Patsy Gonzales



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
12/22, 12/26, 12/29 & 1/2



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Announcements, Updates, Church Attendance and Treasury Report

ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

STILL NEED YOUR HELP! -SEPTEMBER UPDATE-



Praise God! It has been determined who gave Sonja Davis and Tyson a box of family VHS videos!



HOWEVER, Sonja still needs the gentleman who gave her an envelope in September, in the Oaks parking lot, to PLEASE, contact her. Thank you!

2nd Annual Oaks Family Festival December 18, 2011

December 18th is our 2nd annual Family Festival. It will start at 5:00 p.m. with a Chili supper and then we will clear the tables to accommodate the making of Christmas ornaments.

There will be several different tables of ornaments and the idea is to go to each table and make one ornament, thus having several to take home.

At around 7:00 the Live Nativity will begin and we need volunteers to stand at 15 minute intervals as we present our Nativity to the community as a gift of the season.

So bring a dessert and come to the Festival of fellowship, fun, and being a part of the greatest gift given to our community. **Barb Scantlin**

Nurturing Circle Update

Remember if you have a need for community prayer, you can call on the Nurturing Prayer Circle. You may call the church office with your request or call Jimmye Saldivar or Barb Scantlin.

Also, if you would like to be a part and join the Circle to pray for those in need, we welcome all that have that desire. When the requests come to our attention, a call is made to the team for that month and each person prays for the request. It's an important part of our church and for the people asking for prayer on their behalf. **Barb Scantlin**

NEW ADDRESS FOR KATHY SANDERS:

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Hello Everyone! Evangelism wants to keep all of you updated on the Free Lunch Saturday mission. Along with some church members of whom attended we also had 6 from the community come and share the Thanksgiving dinner for the free lunch on November 26, 2011. Some of them were return patrons and some were new and all enjoyed. We were also able to host the guests from Aileen Crafton's Celebration of Life. It is great to share in God's love and work.

This month we will be having a Christmas dinner for the Free Lunch Saturday on December 24th. Please volunteer to help out and share the word about the free lunch to someone in the community that needs a good meal. Sometimes the holiday season is hard for ones who are alone and may not have access to good food. Amen. **Katie Spencer, The Evangelism Team**

November Church Attendance Report

Attendance for the Month of November	Sunday School	Church Attendance
November 6, 2011	14	—
November 13, 2011	9	43
November 20, 2011	13	40
November 27, 2011	11	33
TOTALS	47	116

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2011	August	September	October
Deposits	\$10,880.00	\$7,376.00	9,773.00
Disbursements	\$9,268.94	(\$9,092.20)	(8,779.08)
Difference	\$1,611.06	(\$1,716.20)	993.92